

404 State of North Carolina
Chatham County

Be it known, that I, John A. Jones of
this County & State, do hereby declare
& publish the following to be my last
Will & Testament (Wit) I devise & bequeath
all my estate real, leasehold & personal, unto
my beloved wife Elizabeth during her widowhood
but if she marry again, it is my Will
& desire that all of said estate be
quately divided at this time, & said
marriage between my said wife
& my children share & share alike
to each one of them; should my
wife not marry again, I devise
& bequeath all of said estate to her
during her natural life & after her
death I devise & bequeath the same to
my children to be equally divided
between them share & share alike
provided however that in case my
wife does not marry again, she
is hereby authorized & empowered to
modify by her will the portions herein
set forth to my children so as to in-
crease the share of one & diminish that
of another at her discretion, & in case
either of my children should die
before reaching the age of twenty
one years or without leaving issue
it is my will & desire that
the share of such one shall go to
my surviving children share &
share alike; it is also my Will that
my wife Elizabeth have power & au-
thority upon consultation with her
friends to all such of my negroes
as in her discretion she may see pro-
per as well as all or any portions of
my real, leasehold & personal estate

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& To make full & absolute title
To secure & in reference to the
station of friends as to the sale of
any of said property it is my
wish; it is my wish that
my wife consult the following
friends or such of them as she may
see proper (viz) Seth Jones, Esq
Seth B Jones Rev W Barrington
& J B Scragg in Rind. And I
also desire that she consult
the same friends or such of them
as she may see proper in regard
to the marriage, real or personal
property, of the sale of any such
property. ~~And also desire that she~~
~~consult the same friends or~~
~~such of them as she may see~~
~~proper in regard to the marriage~~
Provided however that the proceeds
of any & all such sales shall
be fully subject to the provisions
of this will in the same way & to
the same extent that the property would have
been had it not been sold & I hereby nominate
my beloved wife executrix & Bro Seth B Jones
execution of this my last will & Testament

Signed, sealed & published this 14th of Nov
1855 in presence of

H A London &

B. J. Howze,

Attest J. Jones (Seal)